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### The Royal Family and the Sins of the Age

Two recent headlines indicate the sad direction of the thinking of Royalty!

*LGBT Awards: Prince William honoured for supporting community* - this was a BBC headline on 13th May, 2017. The report stated: 'He told the British LGBT Awards on Friday evening via a video message: "It's so important to be proud of the person you are." The Duke of Cambridge was named "straight ally of the year" and was among several celebrities given awards.'



The other headline that drew my attention was on the Belfast Newsletter site. "*Prince Charles' Royal tribute to 1916 combatants*". The article went on to say: 'The Prince of Wales has paid tribute to those who fought for Irish freedom in the 1916 Rising.' Prince Charles said it was important to honour the memory of "men and women from all sides whose sacrifice shaped our shared history". The future king had earlier laid a wreath at a memorial in Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin in memory of all those who died in the 1916 rebellion.' He also met with Sinn Fein/IRA leader, Gerry Adams.

Saluting moral perversion and the actions of rebels and murderers is all in a day's work for the royal household today.

*Prince Charles pictured laughing in company with Gerry Adams on a recent visit to the Republic of Ireland. Just what he has to laugh at in the company of such a odious being is anyone's guess! It is reported that Prince Charles offers condolences to Gerry Adams over Martin McGuinness death!!!*

Of course, the various royal families that have occupied the throne of the United Kingdom were never patrons of Bible morality. Even those who are commonly viewed as being up-

right had many within the family guilty of the most wicked behaviour.

I have no doubt that over the centuries there were those who were true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ but they were few and far between.

That cannot be considered strange, given the dreadful spiritual counsel that most of them received. The ecumenical influences of the Church of England are starkly evident in our present royal family. The Queen, an upright person in so many ways it has to be said, has nevertheless heeded her religious and political advisors and visited the Pope, suitably attired in the garments of mourning as befits a 'Protestant' monarch paying homage to the Papal Antichrist!

Prince Charles has likewise shown a penchant for incense, holy smoke and rosary beads.

The wretched 'Archbishops', who have guided the royals and, to a great degree, the nation, will have a great deal to answer for before God!

The public behaviour of many of the Queen's children and grandchildren and their spouses clearly shows that immorality and degeneracy are little thought of in 'high society'!

The picture presented in the press is of course a highly manipulated and contrived image that is really the product of public relations 'experts'.

There is an account in the Bible of one member of Israel's royal family which helps us see the deceit that is carried out upon the 'gullible' public.



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"And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel," 2 Samuel 15:1-6.

Here is a very old picture that is right up todate of the conniving and manipulation that is all part of the 'image making' that goes on in the daily reports of the actions and activities of 'Royalty'!

But God was not deceived by Absalom's pretences, whoever else may have been. Likewise it is today.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting," Galatians 6:7-8.

It was said of Israel a long time ago: "For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed," Isaiah 9:16. Is it not still so?

The horrendous downgrade and degradation of our nation may be laid, largely, at the door of our ecclesiastical and political leaders. The Romeward trend, the Ecumenical Movement, our membership of the European Union, all these things plus the chaos, the madness, the wretchedness and bedlam, so evident in society today, sprang from these alliances and affinities into which the nation was led by ungodly and blind leaders.

What a lesson there is for us all! Modern religion is chiefly a charade, an outward show of piety. It may fool the neighbours (for a time!) but it does not fool God.

"But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart," 1 Samuel 16:7.

What does He see when He looks at the heart?

The Lord Jesus said: "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man," Matthew 15:18-20.

It is of little wonder Paul exhorts Christians in 1 Timothy 2:1-6 as he does.

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

How much "kings, and . . . all that are in authority" need prayer. They are open to temptation to a much greater degree than the rest of us. As well as that, they are 'pillars' in society and if they can be brought down, then there is greater harm wrought than the fall of a 'common' man.

Sadly, the nation is happy with such leadership. As it was of old so it is today. "A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" Jeremiah 5:30-31.



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Utter ruin can be the only end of such a process. How the Christian looks forward to that day when the world will be ruled in righteousness. "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever;" Revelation 11:15. That will be the day when that sweet promise, directed chiefly to Israel but benefitting mankind generally, will be fulfilled. "Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: and I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding," Jeremiah 3:14-15.

Oh! For godly leaders. What a benefit, mercy and a blessing from the Lord they are. It is not until the Lord returns however that such a blessing will be experienced by this world.

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